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Local Matters.

Flitting up the Polling Places.

Mr. Samuel H. Oxx, who was given the contract to fit up the several polling places in the city to conform to the requirements of the new ballot law, is making good headway and will have everything in readiness for next Wednesday morning. Having got the dimensions of the several polling places he is using the old No. 1 engine house on Mill street, which is to serve as the Third ward polling room, as a work shop and is getting his "stuff" out there. He has got most of his stalls together and will begin to day the work of putting them up together with the rails, etc., in the several places selected as the ward rooms. The number of stalls for each room is governed by the number of names on the voting list; they will be as follows: First ward, 10; Second ward, 9; Third ward, 6; Fourth ward, 8; Fifth ward 16. Mr. Oxx has built these stalls in sections of three and five. He has built six of the former sections and seven of the latter, which gives one square section of each.

Death of Capt. Melville.

Captain Benjamin Sherman Melville, to whose illness attention has been called in these columns at various times during the past winter, died at his residence on Clark street Thursday evening, aged 65 years. Capt. Melville was a native of Newport, being a son of the late David Melville, and most active part of his life was spent in following the seas. He made many voyages to the West Indies as master of different vessels, first in the service of G. C. & W. J. Munro; then of Peckham & Bull, and later of the Munros again. While with the former firm he commanded the brig John Balch and the barque Ariel, and during his connection with Messrs. Peckham & Bull he was in charge of the Confidence, of which he was part owner. He leaves no children, but a widow and two brothers, Mr. Geo. W. T. Melville, of this city, and Capt. Samuel Melville, of Brooklyn, and two sisters, Mrs. Geo. C. Munro and Miss Sarah M. Melville, of this city, survive him. The funeral will be solemnized from his late residence next Monday at noon.

Artillery Appropriation.

In the Senate of the General Assembly on Thursday the Finance committee reported back the resolution making an appropriation of \$3000 for the Newport Artillery Company's Armory, without recommendation. Senator Franklin moved the passage of the resolution by the Senate and made a lengthy and convincing argument showing why the appropriation should be made. When the vote was taken the measure was carried almost unanimously. Senator Franklin immediately had the bill sent to the house under suspension of the rules.

At a meeting of Charles E. Lawton Post Wednesday evening the following committee was appointed to act with a committee from General G. K. Warren Post in the arrangements for the observance of Decoration Day, Friday, May 30.—Comrade John E. Lake, Junior Vice Commander Gilbert Fowler, Past Commander William S. Bailey, Officer of the Day A. R. Tuell and Comrade Jacob C. Chase.

Judge Clinton Gray of New York and Mrs. Grace Townsend Turnbull were united in marriage Monday evening at the bride's beautiful villa on Kay street and Cranston avenue, by Rev. Dr. Cutler, pastor of Channing Memorial church. It was a very quiet affair, but few guests being present, and Tuesday morning Judge and Mrs. Gray started for Florida.

Algerman Cottrell finds lying in bed a somewhat tedious occupation, but the constant improvement to his leg is sufficient encouragement for him to bear it. He hopes to be out again in the course of a week or two.

Dr. J. J. Mason, of Providence, has rented his cottage on Gibbs avenue and Catherine street to Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, of New York, for the coming season.

SUPREME COURT.

March Term.

The Supreme Court opened its March term in Newport Monday morning and has been kept busy ever since. There is much yet to be done, however, and after the criminal cases, which are set down for next Thursday, there will be an adjourned session, probably about the first of May. There are several court cases to be heard the first of next week, but the jury will be excused to day until next Thursday.

The docket was called and certain cases disposed of as follows: Continued—Isaac P. Hazard et al. vs. Thomas C. Durant et al., two cases; Samuel E. Almy vs. Daniel T. Church et alios; Patrick J. Murphy vs. Joseph Hafner; Joseph Groves et ux. vs. Dennis W. Sheehan et ux. (mis); Henry D. Scott et al. vs. Ellen McKeon et al; Benjamin Pitch vs. William S. Bailey; George H. Kelley et al. vs. Thomas P. Nichols (mis); James T. Maher et al. vs. James B. Church et al. (mis); State vs. John Reynolds, appellant; Joseph Bradford et al. vs. William J. Swinburne; Samuel S. Southwick et ux. vs. William H. Bliss (mis); William J. Underwood vs. Cyrus H. Peckham; Brush Electric Company vs. Brush Swan Electric Company; Thomas S. Nason vs. Amos D. Mitchell (mis); John H. Stedman vs. American Electric Manufacturing Company; Charles A. Seabury vs. Hattie B. Almy; Charles H. Deere et al. vs. Ovison S. Marden et al. Discontinued—Herbert S. Milliken, Assignee vs. Lorenzo Litchfield et al.; Daniel Brown et ux. vs. Stephen Browning et al., executors; Letitia G. Tuttle vs. George F. Tuttle. Settled—James Whitall et al. vs. Rowland N. Hazard; Charles A. Wellington vs. Samuel S. Howland; John D. Sullivan vs. Michael Donovan.

The hearings before the Court included the case of Mary Catherine Grinnell et al. vs. A. P. Baker, Administrator, et alios; the petition for a new trial in the Stacy will case; the decoumar in the case of Flagg vs. Gilpin; the case of Silas Carr et al. vs. Annie Cave; the case of W. P. Sheldrake, Jr., assignee, vs. James F. Hammon et ux. et al.

The first case tried by jury was that of H. N. Jeter, Administrator, vs. Lewis T. Moore et alios; the appeal from the local probate court. The jury failed to agree after about five hours of deliberation.

In the case of David King vs. Patrick Fagan, for trespass, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and damages were assessed at 10 cents.

The grand jury reported six indictments as follows: John Quinn, breaking and entering; William Cower, alias Billy Martin, larceny; Frank L. Allen, manslaughter; James S. Smith, obstructing street cars; Mary Bowler, larceny. Upon being arraigned, Quinn pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years in the State prison; Allen pleaded not guilty and was held in the sum of \$1000; Smith pleaded not guilty and was released on bail.

The case on trial as we go to press is that of Samuel Bickerton vs. Newport Street Hairway Company appellant. It is one of several cases against the company resulting from the accident on Hith road last August. About twenty witnesses were called for the prosecution yesterday, and their evidence, including a visit to the company's car house on Commercial wharf and a trip to the beach in one of the electric cars by the jury, occupied most of the day, the respondents entering upon their case at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Lawton, of this city, left Wednesday night for Annapolis, Md., whether they were called by the serious illness of Mrs. Peleg Gibbs, sister of Mr. Lawton. Mrs. Gibbs is suffering from cancer in the throat, from which there is no hope of cure, and a dispatch received from Mr. Lawton Thursday night stated that she was sinking rapidly. Mrs. Gibbs is a daughter of Sarah and the late William Lawton, and she has three brothers and three sisters residing in this city, Messrs. William S., George and Henry, and Mrs. Edward Otto, Mrs. William Peckham, 2d and Mrs. William Rose.

Mr. Gardner T. Lawton, a half-brother of Mr. George P. Lawton of this city, died suddenly in San Francisco on the 14th of February. He was a native of Portsmouth and was formerly a sea captain out of New Bedford. He has lived in San Francisco since 1853, and has amassed a large fortune.

Ex-Alderman William Hamilton is confined to his home on Bridge street by a serious illness. His trouble began with severe pains in his knee, coming on quite suddenly, and his sufferings have been very severe.

A burning chimney at the residence of Mr. Gardner S. Perry caused considerable excitement in that vicinity Sunday afternoon, but did no other damage.

At the earnest solicitation of many who desire to see his clay bust of Capt. James Logan, Mr. Noble has consented to open his studio in Covell's Block to the public this evening from 7 to 10 o'clock.

Dr. J. J. Mason, of Providence, has

Artillery Armory Improvements.

The long needed improvements to the Artillery Armory on Clark street, to obtain the necessary funds for which the company have indefatigably worked for years, are finally to be begun. The committee appointed some time ago to obtain plans and estimates reported at Tuesday evening's meeting and their report was adopted. The plans were drawn by Col. James Fludder of this city and they call for a new story over the entire present building with some changes in the monkey proper. The new story is to be finished in four rooms, two of which will measure 4x27 feet and be connected with large sliding doors; the other two apartments will be an office's room and a quarterMASTER's room. The two small rooms which now occupy the rear end of the armory will be torn away and the space devoted to broad stairways leading to the new story. There will be two of these stairways, one starting at each side of the armory and meeting on a broad platform over the center from which a single flight of steps will lead to the rooms above. The stair case is to be exposed and as designed will make a very ornamental end to the armory proper. The front of the landing to the two flights of stairs forms an open balcony which on festive occasions may be used by the orchestra, and a large open fire-place, with carved mantle, will make a handsome background beneath this landing or platform. The plans also call for a large bay window over the main entrance, on the Clark street front, and make the new rooms twelve feet "between joints." The committee in charge of the improvements is as follows: Lieutenant Colonel Geo. A. Brown, chairman; Private J. H. Martin, secretary; Adjutant J. H. Wetherell, treasurer; Surgeon C. F. Barker and Paymaster Edward T. Bost.

The committee appointed by the City Council to build and equip the new schoolhouse in the Second ward held a meeting at the Clark street school Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of selecting the furniture. Superintendent of Schools Fay and School Committee W. P. Clarke were also present. Five of the leading manufacturers of school furniture were represented by agents to whom the various styles of desks and seats were duly exhibited and their respective merits feelingly explained. The committee finally selected unanimously upon the Winchester, which is a desk and chair, separate and which, principally on this account, would be better adapted for the schools.

Mr. Samuel Hilton, who died at his home in Washington Tuesday, was a brother of Mr. John Hilton of this city; and he himself was a resident of Newport for many years. He was, like his brother, a tinsmith by trade, and was in the employ of the late William H. Bliss. At the breaking out of the rebellion he enlisted in Company F. First Rhode Island Volunteers, and subsequently in the Fourth regiment. After the war he was post steward at Fort Adams and later a drug clerk in the army in California and in Alaska. At the time of his death he was filling a responsible position in the Surgeon General's office in Washington. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Geo. Peabody Wrenore Republican League.

Prof. Wolcott Gibbs of Cambridge entertained a large audience at the Business Men's Association rooms Monday evening in a lecture upon Illuminating Gas. It was an abridged discourse and held the close attention of the audience. Mayor Coggeshall followed Prof. Gibbs in a brief address upon the same subject. The meeting was presided over by Mr. L. D. Davis.

Mr. Stephen DeBlois, youngest son of ex-Alderman H. D. DeBlois, has left the Rogers High School to become a farmer. He has associated himself with his brother, Mr. H. D. DeBlois, Jr., in Middletown and gives promise of being a thorough agriculturist as he reaches his majority. He certainly possesses two of the principal requisites—industry and economy.

The Right Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D. LL. D., will visit St. George's Church tomorrow, (Palm Sunday), at 11 o'clock, and administer the Rite of Confirmation and hold an ordination service. Bishop Clarke will be the guest of Mrs. B. Allen Wright, 135 Rhode Island avenue.

The Democratic City Committee have selected Mr. Daniel B. Fearing as their party candidate for school committee next Wednesday. The Republicans will nominate their candidate in caucus at the State House Monday night.

Mr. J. M. K. Southwick is soon to receive from the fish commission of this state a supply of gold fish for general distribution among such ponds in this vicinity as shall be found adapted to their cultivation.

King Philip Goncalve, K. of S. F., of Fall River, is to make a fraternal visit to Newport Goncalve on the 8th proximo, and a delegation of King Philip Knights was in town Tuesday to make arrangements for the visit.

Mr. Stephen S. Vars, Newport's veteran Knight of the Whiph, is just now busily engaged upon his sixteenth annual Trades Book which will be issued from this office about the middle of the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of the United Congregational church quartette choir have received a call from St. Anne Episcopal church in New York. It is sincerely hoped that they will conclude to remain in Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sampson are receiving the congratulations of their many friends in Newport and elsewhere. Its name is Madeline Atletton and its weight ten pounds.

The People's Favorite Order.

A council of the People's Favorite Order was instituted at Mercury Hall, Wednesday evening, by Supreme Councilor Walter Mott, M. D., and Supreme Secretary Charles H. Curtis, of Boston. About seventy-five of the one hundred and forty members were present and much interest was taken in the organization which promises well for the success of the new Council. Interesting remarks were made by the two visitors from the Supreme Council, in explanation of the objects and merits of the order, which is on the endowment principle, not all seemed satisfied. The name selected for the new society is Hope Council No. 3, and the officers elected

Gen. Hor—William Allen, Vice-Councilor—J. H. Constock, Past Councilor—George B. Popple, Sitting Vice-Councilor—George A. Pitcher, Recording Secretary—George T. Bourne, Financial Secretary—George T. Popple, Treasurer—Arthur H. Popple, Prelate—J. B. Constock, Marshal—Albert H. Bissell, Chaplain—William T. Watson, Past trustee, 14 months; John P. Sampson, Past trustee, 12 months; T. E. Sherman, third trustee, 6 months; Joseph C. Coggeshall.

General Warren Post at the National Encampment.

Prohibitory Mass Meeting.

The prohibitionists of this county held a ratification meeting at the Opera House Tuesday evening and it was rather more enjoyable than such meetings are apt to be. There was a large audience of ladies and gentlemen; the speaking was good and the Mandolin and Guitar Quartette rendered a number of selections of excellent music. Mr. William B. Franklin presided, and after a prayer by Rev. William Jacob, introduced the speakers. Professor Dickie, of the national prohibition committee, was the first speaker. He held the attention of his audience for upwards of two hours, outlining the principles and hopes of the party, and was followed by Rev. J. H. Lacy, the prohibitory nominee for governor, who also gave an interesting discourse.

Sunday Service Resumed.

Resumption of Sunday trips is announced by the Fall River line. On Sunday the connecting steamboat train leaves Boston at 7 A. M., an hour later than on week days. For trips from other points newspapers or local agents should be consulted. The Pilgrim and Providence are now in service. The first mentioned vessel will however be withdrawn in favor of the Pilgrim, commencing April 1st.

Many have expressed the fear that now that Ex-Governor Van Zandt and wife have sold their elegant residence on Pelham street, they would cease to make Newport their permanent home. We are happy to state that they do not contemplate leaving Newport except for brief occasions as formerly. They are looking now for an eligible lot and when they find a place to their satisfaction they will buy and build a fine residence, one with more conveniences and more to their taste than the one they have just sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. William K. Covell, Jr., are enjoying a tour of the South. They left here on the 18th instant and will probably be absent ten days or a fortnight longer. They spent last Sunday in Savannah and in addition to other religious services the two gentlemen attended a baptism at which there were 16 candidates and upwards of 15,000 spectators, all colored. Most of the present week has been spent by the travelers in Jacksonville, Florida.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the pewholders of the First Methodist Episcopal Church Monday evening Messrs. Thomas P. Peckham, J. W. Horton, C. H. Thurston, Thomas S. Burdick and T. T. Pitman were elected trustees; George H. Lovoy, clerk, and T. T. Pitman, steward. A tax of eight percent was assessed upon the pews, to be due and payable on or before November 1 next, subject to a reduction of twenty-five percent, if paid on or before August 1.

Superintendent John D. Richardson, Jr., of the Second Baptist church Sunday school will deliver a lecture in the vestry of the church next Monday evening on the Phonograph, which instrument will be on exhibition and have something to say on its own behalf. The graphophone will also be exhibited in connection with the typewriter, and the whole is sure to make an instructive as well as interesting entertainment.

The unfortunate Music Hall is being torn down. If a suitable place can be found for it, it will probably be set up again in some shape or other. The owners have not yet fully decided what they will do with it.

There are two or three more new benevolent orders about to be organized in Newport. If this town keeps on it will be filled up soon.

The trials of the new torpedo boat Cushing have thus far been highly successful.

The Union Lenten service of the Episcopal church Thursday was held at St. George's and was well attended.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals.

Mr. Philip H. Case has rented his cottage on the corner of Kay and Everett streets, for the coming season, to Mr. H. A. Johnson, of New York.

Abraham A. Tilley has sold about 6000 square feet of land with buildings, on Gibbs street and Congdon avenue, to Horbert C. Tilley for \$1, etc.

Judge Darius Baker has rented his cottage on Cranston avenue to Miss Laura J. Post, of New York, for the season.

A. Prentiss Baker has sold for Mary P. White 5000 square feet of land with buildings, numbered 28 Spruce street, to Timothy Thorne and wife for \$1700.

William H. Iroquois has sold his estate, measuring 45x120 feet, to Summer M. Stewart for \$1, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kimber are at Old Point Comfort, Va.

Capt. A. R. Milliken, of Block Island, was in town Thursday.

Ex-Councilman James S. Hazard has been in New York this week.

Newport's prospects for a gay and brilliant season are of the best.

Mr. LeRoy King, who spent the winter in New York, has been in town this week.

Mr. L. F. Atletton expects to open

The Aquidneck the first of May as usual.

Newport Elks were well represented at the Boston Lodge benefit in Boston Thursday.

The Board of Aldermen meets this afternoon for a final canvass of the voting lists.

Prof. William Mathews, of the Newport Band, has been housed this week

by a severe cold.

Mr. Albert Irish, who has been seriously ill for the past several months, is reported improving.

The naval battalion at the training station made its first street parade of the season Monday afternoon.

Mr. Charles Gladding who has suffered several months' from illness this winter, is again seen upon his team.</

Poetry.

PATRIOTIC POEMS.

At Port Royal.

ADRIEN GREENLEAF WHITFIELD.

The tent-lights glimmer on the land,
The ship-lights on the sea;
The light-wind smooths with drifting sand
Our track on lone Tyne.

At last our grating keels out-fit,
Our good boats forward swing;
And while we ride, the land behind tide,
Our horses stand and sing.

For dear the human hand holds his gifts,
Of music and of song;
The gold that kindly Nature sits,
Among his hands of wrong.

The power to make his rolling days
And pour him out in quiet places;

The quiet after the capital play,
With sorrow's summer keys.

Another glow there comes—the West,
The West with light,
Where bold and daring, born and byre,
Are blushing through the night.

The soul with fear and hate,
The soul with mad and fast;

From hand to hand, from gate to gate,
The blushing bairns are passed.

The hand glow full strong across
Dark forest, terror, life, and loss;

Not the last, the last, the last;

That fire you blazing piles.

With our strokes clinging in their song,
They weave in simple lays.

The paths of remissitude wrongs,
The heys of hotter days—

The triumphs that Mithian sung,
The joys of meagre bairns;

Setting with Alice's mellow tongue
Their broken Saxon words.

SONGS OF THE Saxon BARDEN.

O, praise our bairns! Do Lord he come
To set the people free;

An' mass us th' day doon,

An' we ab'le;

Do Lord he come do the sea waves
Rejoice;

Do Lord he come—We hae eight slaves;

Today, do Lord's freedom;

Do you will grow, do cotton blow,

We'll make the dream come;

O, neebur on hear, If neebur you hear
Do bairns blaw bairns?

He mass us on the trunksome seas;

He led do land behind;

Do Lord he come do the furdron,

He led do land behind the wind;

We can do this, we can do plough,

We'll do the land do the hold;

He neebur will be sold;

Do you will grow, do cotton blow,

We'll make the dream come;

O, neebur on hear, If neebur you hear
Do bairns blaw bairns?

We kae do land, agit us signs

Do you will grow, do cotton blow;

We'll make the dream come;

We kae it when the deen blawing,

We dream it when the deen sing,

Do you will grow, do cotton blow;

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JOHN H. SAWYERS, Editor and Proprietor

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1890.

A drug clerk in New Bedford on Wednesday attempted to shoot the female proprietor of the store, but only succeeded in shooting her coachman.

The General Assembly is still making haste slowly. Very little business of importance has been transacted this week. After the election is over things will probably move with more rapidity.

Senator Blair's entire speech on his Educational bill will fill eighteen ordinary newspaper pages in small type and solid. He wanted it telegraphed to the press of the country.

The finance bill is still tied up between the house and the senate, and will not be acted upon till after election. Meanwhile the employees of the State must go without their pay.

In passing the bill transferring the revenue cutter service to the navy, provision is made for the pilots of the coast guard by virtually guaranteeing their life positions. This is right, for these men are, most of them, veterans.

The bill for the admission of Wyoming into the union as a State has passed the House of Representatives. It is probable that both Wyoming and Idaho will be admitted before this Congress adjourns.

The greater part of Louisville, Ky., has been laid waste by a terrible cyclone. It is estimated that five hundred people lost their lives, 2,500 buildings were destroyed. The cyclone also did great damage in Illinois and Indiana.

Bills against the State of Rhode Island are said to have piled up rapidly since the first of March, when the failure to pass the General Appropriation Bill in the General Assembly left the Treasurer without funds to pay them. It is said that at the end of March \$7,500 will be owing State employees who are usually paid monthly.

It will be highly important for every voter to take the greatest care in preparing his ballot next Wednesday. He should remember that in order to vote the whole ticket he must make just eleven crosses on his ballot. One each for Governor, for Lieutenant Governor, for Secretary of State, for Attorney General, and for General Treasurer. He must also make a cross against the name for Senator and for each of the five Representatives. The voter should mark his ballot with care and carefully put his cross against the name for each office for which he wishes to vote.

The Illustrated American which aroused so much enthusiastic comment from the press on its first appearance, still holds its ground as a model of journalistic enterprise. In the last number has been corrected the only fault of which one could complain, the lines hitherto loosely laid between the covers, are now securely fastened in place, and cut, making it not only much easier to handle, but giving it much neater appearance. The colored supplements accompanying each issue are worthy preservation, being copies of pictures in oil and water colors done by eminent artists at home and abroad, expressly for this magazine. We hope that every family whose means will so allow, will welcome to its circle this new weekly news magazine, thus helping to support a journal of which every American citizen should be proud.

In the State Senate on Tuesday the bill amending the charter of the Newport Street Railway Company was taken up and passed without opposition. In this connection we would say that the delay caused in passing this measure is not due to the action of the New- portenians in either body. When the bill came up in the Senate Senator Franklin voted for it, and the members of the house from Newport would have done the same had not the bill been called up unexpectedly to them on a day when a portion of the members could not be present, and the others had left the house to come home.

The Company having obtained what they asked for they will probably now proceed to put things in shape to continue the line to the railroad depot and over through the First ward, where there is such a strong desire for the road.

Senator Haars submitted the majority report on the Montana contested election yesterday, and it is now a foregone conclusion that Saunders and Power, republicans, will be admitted as United States senators from Montana. The Iron hall, or republican Legislature, was composed of eight senators, 25 representatives whose elections were admitted and five members from Silver Bow county where the election is in dispute. The court-house, or democratic Legislature, also contained eight senators, as well as 24 representatives and the contested delegation of five from Silver Bow county. The Silver Bow republicans held the certificates of election from the state canvassing board, while the Silver Bow democrats held their credentials from the clerk of the county. The majority report concludes that the territorial law providing that the county clerks shall issue certificates of election was superseded by the provisions of the constitutional convention, which impose that duty upon the state board of canvassers. The report also goes behind the returns and argues that the state canvassing board was right in throwing out the returns as reported by the judges of election. This report will settle the senatorial contest, but it will take another election in Montana to clear away the complications growing out of the first attempt of self-government under the enabling act.

Alarming Earthquake Predictions.

A California despatch mentions the intense excitement of some persons on the Pacific coast caused by the prediction of a great earthquake on April 11, which is to engulf San Francisco, Oakland, Chicago and New York. At Oakland, the despatch states, some of the residents are selling their real estate at half its value and disposing of other property for a song, preparatory to moving out of harm's way.

It will not be enough, says the New York Herald, to take such prompt precautions when seismologists have demonstrated their ability to predict great earthquakes. It is true a few successful "hits" have been made in predicting earth shocks. But until a network of seismographic observations has been established earthquake prediction must be mere guesswork.

Based His Conscience.

Postmaster General Wanamaker has received a letter postmarked New York, March 21, enclosing a one thousand dollar United States gold note and one five hundred dollar gold note, which the sender desires him to place to the credit of the Conscience fund. The sender in his letter says that years ago he defrauded the Government of quite a large sum of money. Since then the matter has lain very heavily upon his conscience, and as he has made a little money he sends it to the Government. The \$1,500, he says, is 25 per cent, over and above the amount taken. He says he pities any officer if he must pass through the anguish of mind that he, the sender, has. No name was signed to the letter. The money will be deposited in the Treasury to-day.

About the Weather.

The New York Tribune of Monday, March 11th, says that the period of abnormal warmth, now apparently terminated, began with November, 1888, February and October of 1889 proved exceptions to the rule, and were unusually cold. But the reaction quickly set in after each of these interruptions, and in the latest case reached a degree unparalleled heretofore in seventy years. The average temperatures for December, January, and February in New York are 33, 30 and 31 degrees, respectively. Instead, this winter the record has been 41, 40 and 40. The continuity, as well as the degree of this heat, is truly wonderful. But a change has certainly set in. The normal temperature for the first half in March is 53 degrees, and that is precisely the average for the last sixteen days.

A religious juryman overcame eleven other men at White Plains, N. Y., one day last week, when they were coming to a conclusion on a case. The juryman began balloting, and 11 of them soon agreed upon a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$2,500. The 12th juror said he must consult his Bible before he could vote. He said he must first find out what the Lord said about casting a ballot in a law suit. After nearly half an hour's search he said that as there was nothing in the Bible on the subject he could not vote. The 12th juror appealed to Justice Dykman. He told them that he could do nothing, and the jury was locked up for the night. The next morning the 12th juror said that the Spirit of the Lord had moved him in the night, and told him to vote for a verdict of \$1,500. He held out until the other jurymen voted as he did.

In the Senate on Thursday the bill calling for biennial elections was taken up and discussed, but no action was taken on it. The finance committee reported in favor of an appropriation of \$75,000 for the Soldiers' home. Action will be taken on the report April 8th. An attempt was made to amend the election law so as to allow all persons in the room when the polls had closed to vote. This bill was referred to the judiciary committee. The Senate bill making it a crime to have official ballots outside the rail on election or any other day was passed. The House got into a muddle on the medical bill, and the speaker twice during the discussion decided that the presence of the members in the body constituted a quorum whether they voted or not.

The President Monday issued a proclamation warning all persons against entering the waters of Behring Sea within the dominion of the United States for the purpose of violating the provision of section 1956 of the Revised Statutes, which relates to the killing of otter, mink, marten, sable or fur seal or other fur-bearing animals within the limits of Alaska Territory or the waters thereof.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Sunday morning prayer meeting in Association parlors. — Sunday evening Association hall at 6 o'clock. — A gymnastic exhibition will be given Thursday evening, April 17, in the Opera House. The classes are preparing for the event. — Two sign boards have been purchased to be placed at the entrance to the Association rooms.

LITTLE COMPTON.

The teachers institute held Monday, March 24th, was a decided success. Mr. Stockwell, Mr. Matteson and Miss Deming from Providence were the speakers. There was a large attendance of teachers. The exercises were interesting and instructive to all present.

EDDIE ROBERTSON, Bangor, Maine, used HUNTS REMEDY in his final cure of a case of dropsy which baffled the physician. After using several baths a cure was completed.

A man from Newington, Conn., suffered a kidney disease and weakness of the urinary organs, as testifies of HUNTS REMEDY himself for kidney disease, and pronounced it a most remarkable remedy.

DRUGGIST A. M. ROBINSON, Jr., of New York, says his wife, George, Mass., has Bladder by its brother of HUNTS REMEDY. Since then Mrs. Fuller has used HUNTS REMEDY herself for kidney disease, and pronounces it a most remarkable remedy.

Naval Manoeuvres.

The New York Herald says: With a reasonable prospect of ten new vessels, being ready for actual sea service between now and the early autumn, Navy Department officials are talking seriously of extensive manœuvres during the present year. It is thought that a fleet of at least fifteen vessels, comprising the present squadron of evolution now in European waters, the home squadron and eight of the ten new ships soon to be added to the navy list, will be available for this purpose. The concentration of these sixteen vessels would demonstrate that we have already a substantial nucleus of a new navy, and at the same time would afford an opportunity for some much-needed instruction to officers and men.

The present intention seems to be to have Acting Rear Admiral Walker return to the United States with his squadron some time during July. As many of the new vessels are now completed will probably be assigned equally to the squadron of evolution and the North Atlantic squadron, and in the early autumn the two forces, one commanded by Acting Rear Admiral Walker and the other by Rear Admiral Gherardi, will come together in sham battles and such other manœuvres as may be necessary for the instruction of officers and men in the art of naval warfare.

The new vessels which the builders now promise and which the department expects to have ready for the contemplated operations are the monitor Miamonom, the cruisers Philadelphia and Baltimore, the gunboats Concord, Bennington and Petrel; the dynamic cruiser Vesuvius, the torpedo boat Ching and the gun Alamo. Of the above named vessels the Baltimore and Petrel will be ready for sea within a month.

The latter will probably not be required to participate in the proposed manœuvres, as it is understood that she will shortly sail for the China station to take the place of the Palos, which will soon be ordered home. The Charleston, which is still at San Francisco, will also soon join the Asiatic station as the flagship. The monitor Miamonom, which is intended for service in New York harbor, will be ready, it is reported, for her trial by June 1. Captain Montgomery Stearn will probably be given command of this vessel.

There is a lively scramble among officials whose turn it is to go to sea to obtain command of the new vessels. For the gunboats Concord and Bennington, Commanders Cotton, Bartlett and Terry are spoken of. Captain William T. Sampson will probably soon be detailed to the San Francisco. Captain Rush R. Wallace is spoken of for the Newark.

It is believed that a portion at least of these manœuvres will take place in Newport waters.

Election of Officers.

At the regular meeting of Catoctin Lodge, No. 213, G. U. O. of O. E., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

E. S. —William H. Jackson, R. S. to N. G. —E. Waters, R. S. to V. G. —Marshall Ells, L. S. to G. —J. Thornton, G. —G. H. —Fayweather, V. G. —H. Williams, N. F. —S. G. Payne, F. N. F. —S. G. Payne, L. G. —Thomas A. Johnson.

Old Colony Railroad Notes.

The engine that was smashed up in the wreck at Concord Junction, Sunday morning, was the one that took the body of Gen. Sheridan to Walpole from this city. It is now a complete wreck, everything being disabled save the boiler, even the tires being forced off the wheels.

Fireman Charles D. Palmer of engine No. 139 for Engineer Faulkner, running between this city and Boston, Park Square, for the past three years, who was in the collision at Howland's Station some 21 years ago, has been set up as engineer and is acting as spare on the Providence division.

Now York had to report last week two heavy failures—one, that of John F. Plummer & Co., commission merchants in woolen goods; with liabilities of a million dollars; the other, that of Ross, Campbell & Co., dry goods commission merchants, with liabilities of \$15,000.

The World's Fair bill passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday by a vote of 202 to 40. As far as the vote of the House can go the fair will be held in Chicago, in the year 1893. The dedication is to take place October 12, 1892. The bill now goes to the senate.

W. W. Astor has sent his check for \$5,000 as a contribution to the Police Pension fund in recognition of the services of the Police Department on the day of his father's funeral.

Sheriff Flack, of New York, having been convicted of conspiracy with his son William and his lawyer Meeks to defeat justice in the matter of getting a divorce from his wife, has resigned.

The Sabbath Call to Prayer and Request for Sermons.

The National Women's Christian Temperance Union and the American Sabbath Union, with the World's Sabbath Observance Project, have decided to hold a great international conference at New York April 1-3, at which all who love our Lord and the Sabbath will unite in prayer, in private, in the family, and in public, for the better exercise of the Lord's Day. The post-office arrangements for the conference are now in full operation.

Services for prayer and praise, suggested by the World's Prayer Union.

1. That the Lord's day may be sanctified in the hearts of the people, also that inseparably connected with it.

2. That the Lord may give us a sincere rest for mind and body, and that all who are required to do unnecessary work on the Lord's Day may be crowned with success.

3. That the Lord may bless the publishing of news papers on the Sabbath day everywhere.

4. That the Lord may give us a spirit of consecration to the cause of the Sabbath.

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WASHINGTON MATTERS.

The President on a Pleasure Trip. — The House on the Major Traffic Pension Appropriations. — The Contest Starts in the House. — The Turf Bill. — The Education Measure by Mr. Lodge. — Various Matters.

(From our regular Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24th, 1890.

The President took advantage of Mrs. Lincoln's absence to take a little pleasure trip himself and spent several days in his favorite pastime—wild duck shooting—in Maryland. He returned late Saturday afternoon much pleased with the excellent sport which he enjoyed.

The House committee on the Alcoholic Liquor traffic has made a favorable report on the bill for the appointment of a commission to investigate the alcoholic, fermented and vinous liquor traffic in all its branches; its relation to revenues and taxation; its effect upon labor, agriculture, manufacturing and other industries; its moral and scientific aspects in connection with temperance, crime, social vice and the public health. The bill provides that the report of the commission shall be made to Congress within two years from the date of the appointment of the Commissioners.

The Blair educational bill was defeated in the Senate, and no one was greatly surprised, as the measure was gradually losing support for some time.

The House has passed the regular annual pension appropriation bill. It carries \$83,500,000. In the discussion on the bill it was evident that the republican members are in favor of a service pension. Several of the speeches were very strong arguments in favor of such a measure, and they were received with great applause on the republican side of the House.

The House has seated Mr. Mudd, the republican contestant from Maryland, and this week the committee on Elections expect to dispose of the four contested cases upon which arguments have been heard. These are Posey vs. Priest; Bowen vs. Buchanan; Washburn vs. Wise; and McDuffee vs. Tipton.

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The Three Americas' Congress have passed a resolution favoring the sub-division of one or more lines of steamships between San Francisco and Valparaiso, and also recommending a government aid to a company to lay a cable connecting San Francisco with all the principal ports in Central and South America.

Owing to the fact that several important interests affected by the new tariff bill are asking to be heard before the measure is reported to the House, it is not likely that it will be reported before the last of this or the first of next week, and it is possible that several important changes may be made in it.

The House has passed the bill to place Gen. J. C. Fremont on the retired list of the army with the rank of Major-general.

The Tanneer case is likely to be all gone over again in the House, before long, as a resolution has been adopted calling on the Secretary of the Interior for all the evidence taken in the investigation made in the Pension office last year.

Senator Sherman in an able argument in favor of his bill against trusts said: "If this country will not endure a king in political power it should not endure a king over the production, transportation and sale of the necessities of life. If it will not submit to an emperor it should not submit to an autocrat in trade." He alluded to the Standard Oil Company, the Diamond match company and the sugar trust as the kind of organization the measure was aimed at. Senator Ingalls gave notice that he should offer an amendment to the bill to prohibit specification in "futures" or "options."

The World's Fair bill is to be voted upon in the House tomorrow afternoon. There is no doubt of its passage.

The Senate committee on appropriations has reported favorably the House joint resolution authorizing the appointment of thirty medical examiners for the Pension office. This resolution, which has already passed the House, was offered because Gen. Raum, the Commissioner of Pensions, stated that he could not secure satisfactory examiners through the Civil Service Commissioners.

The Federal election bill introduced by Mr. Lodge has not made a very favorable impression upon republicans, though it has greatly alarmed the southern democrats. The principal objection to it is that it is too complicated and cumbersome. Many republican members have expressed themselves as opposed to any Federal election law at this time. Mr. Lodge says he has no idea of unduly distressing his bill but only wants it carefully considered and discussed.

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NOTICE.

Canvass.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the City of Newport will be in session at a Board of Contractors at their Chamber in the City Hall on SATURDAY, March 29, A. D. 1890, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of canvassing the correcting and completing the WARD MEETINGS to be held on Wednesday, the 24th of April, 1890.

Witness my hand:

WILLIAM G. STEVENS,

City Clerk.

Method of Voting Under the New Law on April 2.



New Advertisements

PRIMARY MEETING.

THE REPUBLICAN ELECTORS of the City of Newport are requested to meet at the State House, on MONDAY evening,

March 31, 1890, at 8 o'clock,

to nominate a candidate for the Public School Committee until the first Monday in January, 1891, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Henry H. Fay.

By order of the Republican City Committee:

ALBERT C. LANDERS,

John J. PIERSON, Chairman,

Secretary.

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WE wish to return thanks to the members of our firm for their services and their efforts and following the termination of our firm at the fire on the 19th of the present month, and for their kindnesses bestowed subsequent to the fire.

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Assignee.

March 26, 1890.

Bated Newport, March 26, 1890.

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